## **Praise Your Child's School Performance!**



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Another school year closure has left many parents, guardians and students exhaling from a carousel of activities. Many of our students have succeeded against the odds, having endured a myriad of unexpected events, and or obstacles which may have impeded the normal school process. Other students continued on course as they endured rigorous curriculum expectations; finishing on top!

Our schools have become institutions were our children are recycled through a maze of education strands, parent pyramids and the playground bully, peer pressure and positioning for recognition and acceptance on the "teacher meter" have been quite a balancing act for students. The school agenda can be a life-changing experience, serving only those whom have received the appropriate nurturing and guidance during their journey of learning.

The path to performance is far reaching and sometimes may seem unreasonable when coupled with litany of grade level expectations for academic and social growth. Most parents and guardians do try their best to support the school's demands, while helping to navigate their child through the turn stalls of achievement and accomplishments.

A homogenous balance within the school community is the best ingredient for student success; therefore schools should continue to pursue opportunities to encourage parent participation, fostering a village of earnest communication and positive support for all students.

As the temperatures continue to heat our dusty desert, we must continue to keep our children engaged in reading, writing and math challenges. Try not to allow excuses, fatigue and stress to hinder you from doing what is



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important—keeping our children educationally centered.

August will being yet another year of challenges for our children and there is still much to prepare for... "A journey of a administrative do's and don'ts. Difficulty with thousand miles must begin with a single step", so you may want a "jump-start", in preparation for next school year. Your may find these seven rules for success helpful... Practice together with your children.

> "We must not only give what we have; we must also give what we are." ~D.J Dercier